**Personal Narrative: Prompts and Guide to Brainstorming Topics**

**Prompt Options:**

(#1)-"Describe a person, event, or work of art that had a significant impact on your life and show how he/she/it has affected who you are today."

OR (#2)-"Focus on a specific goal that you have worked hard to achieve or a goal that you have recently set for yourself. Describe what the goal is, how you plan to achieve it, and what impact it might have on you."

**Questions to Consider for Brainstorming Topics:**

***What Are You Like?***

• What is your strongest personality trait? Does any attribute, quality, or skill

distinguish you from everyone else? How did you develop this attribute?

• Consider your favorite books, movies, works of art, etc. Have these influenced

your life in a meaningful way? Why are they your favorites?

• Have you experienced a moment of epiphany, as if your eyes were opened

to something to which you were previously blind?

***What Have You Done?***

• What are your major accomplishments, and why do you consider them

accomplishments?

• Have you ever struggled mightily for something and succeeded? What

made you successful? Have you ever struggled mightily for something and

failed? How did you respond?

• What was the most difficult time in your life, and why? How did your

perspective on life change as a result of the difficulty?

***Where Do You Want to Go?***

• Of everything in the world, what would you most like to be doing right now?

Where would you most like to be?

• What are your dreams of the future? When you look back on your life in

thirty years, what would it take for you to consider your life successful?